

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Stay Seated

Let us stand as the Triune God, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, calls His Church into His presence to worship Him. I ask you this morning, congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, on Whom must we focus as we come to worship today?

Please stand, if you are able

We must be fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of faith, Who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. We must consider Him Who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:2-3

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Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, according to the faithful mercies shown to David.

... He who takes refuge in Me will inherit the land and will possess My holy mountain.

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And the LORD will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places, and give strength to your bones; and you will be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.

Isaiah 57:13b; 58:11

Opening Prayer
(Led by Pastor)

Psalm 36

“High in the Heav’ns Eternal God”

Please stay standing, if you are able

High in the heav'ns, eternal God,
Your goodness in full glory shines;
Your truth shall break through every cloud
that veils and darkens Your designs.

Forever firm Your justice stands,
as mountains their foundations keep;
wise are the wonders of Your hands;
Your judgments are a mighty deep.

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From the provisions of Your house
we shall be fed with sweet repast;
there mercy like a river flows
and brings salvation to our taste.

Life, like a fountain, rich and free,
springs from the presence of the Lord,
and in Your light our souls shall see
the glories promised in Your word.

(End)

**GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS,
TO REPENT, AND TO RECONCILE**

Stay seated

The Moral Law

Exodus 20:1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin
(Silent Reflection and Prayer Led by Pastor)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So, you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:8-11

Sing

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Please stand, if you are able.

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

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Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

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I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

(End)

We Profess Our Faith
Heidelberg Catechism

Remain standing, if you are able.

Q1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,¹ but belong—body and soul, in life and in death²—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.³ He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood⁴ and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.⁵

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He also watches over me in such a way⁶ that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;⁷ in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.⁸ Because I belong to Him, Christ by His Holy Spirit assures me of eternal life⁹ and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.¹⁰

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Q2. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are;1 second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery;2 third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.3

(Be Seated)

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation, and says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

Isaiah 52:7

Prayer

(Led by a Ruling Elder)

The Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Please stand, if you are able.

Pastoral Prayer
(Led by Pastor)

Sing

“Speak, O Lord”

Please stand, if you are able.

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

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Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise; Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

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Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

(Be Seated)

**THE LORD SPEAKS TO US
THROUGH HIS WORD AND THE
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Scripture Reading

James 3

Sermon

“Speak The Truth, Child of God”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

COMMUNION

Fencing the Table

Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Administration of the Lord's Supper

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD
AND THE SACRAMENT**

Prayer

SPECIAL COLLECTION:
For Mercy Ministry

Song

“My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”

Please stand, if you are able.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With pow'r upon my heart

(Continue)

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace

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My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him Who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace
Whose every thought is love
For every day I have on earth
Is given by the King
So, I will give my life my all
To love and follow Him

(End)

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

The Blessing of God's People

Now to Him, Who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Jude 1:24-25

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”